Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Project Reports Received	No. of Project Reports Approved and Cleared
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	3
2	Goa	1	—
3	Gujarat	3	—
4	Haryana	2	1
5	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1
6	Karnataka	3	3
7	Kerala	2	—
8	Madhya Pradesh	5	5
7	Maharashtra	5	4
10	Nagaland	1	—
11	Orissa	3	—
12	Punjab	2	2
13	Rajasthan	5	2
14	Tamil Nadu	2	1
15	Tripura	1	—
16	Uttar Pradesh	8	—
	TOTAL	48	22

Uniform Wage Policy

*149. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to examine the wage-structure in the country has finalised its report; and

(b) if so, by when the recommendations of the Committee will be implemented for uniform wage policy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Government have not set up any committee to examine the wage structure in the country. However, a high-level committee of experts headed by Shri H. N. Ray has been set up to study and examine the structure of emoluments of the employees in the Central Government, Public Sector Enterprises and nationalised banks, etc., *inter-alia* for preparing a document to enable the Government to take a view on the trends of wages of employees in these sectors and to consider evolving a common formula for the grant of Dearness Allowance. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of four months.

(b) Does not arise.

Blackmarketing of essential commodities through fake ration cards

*150. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that millions of fake ration cards exist in the country resulting in blackmarketing of essential commodities meant for poor people;

(b) if so, what is the approximate number of such cards in each State and Union Territory;

(c) whether Government are aware that most of the fake ration cards are issued in connivance with the rationing inspectors;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to fix the responsibility of issuing fake ration cards on the concerned inspectors; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and how Government propose to tackle the menace of fake ration cards in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that fake ration cards/units exist under Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country. It is, however, not possible to state the number of such ration cards existing in the country.

(c) to (e) The implementation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) primarily vests in the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. They have been asked to make intensive, well planned and sustained efforts to eliminate bogus ration cards so as to ensure that only genuine consumers get their entitlement to the subsidised foodgrains and other PDS items. State Governments/UT Administrations have been taking action in this direction by elimination of bogus cards/units. Connivance of some field functonaries in the States as one of the reasons for existence of fake ration cards cannot be altogether ruled out in an operation of the vast magnitude of PDS in the country. Fixing responsibility and punishment of offending functionaries by the State Governments is one of their normal activities.

उच्च शक्ति वाले ट्रांसमीटरों का लगाया जाना

*151. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार राजस्थान तथा पंजाब में उच्च शक्ति वाले ट्रांसमीटर लगाने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गुजरात के कच्छ क्षेत्र में ऐसा ट्रांसमीटर न लगाये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार निकट भविष्य में कच्छ क्षेत्र में ऐसा ट्रांसमीटर लगाये जाने पर विचार कर रही है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरजा व्यास): (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) गुजरात के कच्छ जिले में भुज में एक उच्च शक्ति (10 कि० वा०) टी० वी० ट्रांसमीटर लगाने का काम पहले से ही चल रहा है । ये ट्रांसमीटर 300 मीटर ऊंचे टावर पर लगाने की योजना है ताकि उससे इष्टतम टी० वी० कवरेज प्राप्त हो सके । इस परियोजना के 1994-95 में पूरा हो जाने की आशा है । परियोजना को चालू होने तक इस ट्रांसमीटर को वर्तमान वित्त वर्ष के दौरान अंतरिम व्यवस्था के रूप में 1 कि० वा० की सीमित शक्ति पर चलाने का कार्यक्रम है ।

Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertakings

*152. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of public sector undertakings in which cadre officers have been allowed to function as Chief Executives/CMDs/MDs without exercising option for their absorption in the concerned undertakings;

(b) whether the review committee of Government has rejected the appointments of such cadre officers; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the action proposed to be taken in the matters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) As per